GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Mines & Minerals-Certain areas in Prakasam District reserved for exploitation of Iron ore in the Public Sectors – Dereservation of certain areas in the larger Public interest-Notification–Issued.

INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (MINES-III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 29 Dated: 10-05-2021.

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.428, Ind & Com (B.I) Dept., Dt.07.04.1972,
2. G.O.Ms.No.95, Inds & Com (M.II) Dept., Dt.27.04.2009.
3. From the District Collector & Magistrate, Prakasam, D.O.Rc.No.E1/490/2016, Dt.21.12.2020
4. G.O.Ms.No.367, Revenue (Assignment-I) Dept., dated.19.08.2019
5. G.O.Ms.No.15, Inds & Com (M.III) Dept., Dt.10.03.2021,
6. From the District Collector & Magistrate, Prakasam, D.O.Rc.No.E1/490/2016. Dt.18.03.2021.

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ORDER:

In the G.O 1st read above, Government have reserved certain lands to an extent of 3143.02 Acres falling in Ongole, Addanki, Kandukur and Darsi erstwhile Taluks of Prakasam District for exploitation of Iron Ore in the public sector.

2. The District Collector & Magistrate, Prakasam, vide Letter 3rd read above, has stated that the Government of Andhra Pradesh have taken up a flagship Programme namely Navaratnalu Pedalandariki illu vide G.O.4th read above. In this context, while verifying the lands allotted for various agencies/individuals, the District Administration of Prakasam came to know that certain lands were reserved for the exploitation of the low grade iron ore, but no activity has been taken up till now.

3. In this regard, the Deputy Director of Mines and Geology, Ongole vide Letter Dt.19.12.2020, has submitted that the Government has reserved certain areas over an extent of 3143.02 Acres for exploitation of low grade Iron Ore under public sector in Prakasam District vide G.O.1st read above. In the said lands, One Mining Lease, over an extent of Ac 1307.06 Cents, was granted in favour of M/s APMDC Limited for Iron Ore in Survey Nos.769, 388, 418, 420 and 208 of Konijedu, Marlapadu, Kanduluru, Sarvireddipalem and Yerajerla Villages of Tanguturu and Ongole Mandals of Prakasam District, for a period of Twenty (20) years (2009 to 2029),vide G.O 2nd read above. It was sub-leased to M/s Ongole Iron Ore Mining Company. But, even after 48 years, the process of exploitation of low grade Iron Ore is lift started. The Fe content of the Iron Ore deposits in the reserved areas is only 27% which is not financially feasible for mining without beneficiation. The habitations and encroachment have developed nearer to the reserved areas. They are within 100 mtrs from the reserved area of Parnamita and Addanki Villages. The Environment Protection Act and National Green Tribunal guidelines do not permit mining operations where habitations are located within 200 meter distance as this quarry is involved blasting. Certain reserved areas are patta lands which are being cultivated.

4. The District Collector, Prakasam has, therefore, requested to de-reserve said reserved areas in the light of the reports submitted by the Deputy Director Mines & Geology and Revenue Divisional Officer, Ongole, as there is evidently no scope and feasibility to take up mining operations at this juncture in the aforesaid reserved areas. The Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., has recommended the proposal for the said reasons.

5. In the meantime, Government, vide G.O.4th read above, have accepted the full surrender of Mining lease area held by M/s APMDC, which was sub leased in favour of M/s Gimpex (P) Limited for Iron Ore for an extent of 1307.26 Acres in Sy.No.769, 388, 418, 420 and 208 of Konijedu, Marlapadu, Kanduluru, Sarvireddipalem and Yerrajerla Villages of Tangutur and Ongole Mandals of Prakasam District under Rule 21(1) of Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016.

6. Subsequently, the District Collector, Prakasam, has requested to de-reserve the following lands from out of the lands earlier reserved vide G.O.1st read above, so as to utilize these lands for the current public purposes on the basis of need in Prakasam District.

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Name of the Mandal	Name of the Village	Sy.No	Extent (Ac--Cents)
Tangutur	Konijedu	769	391.00
	Marlapdu	388	398.88
		Total	**789.88**

7. Government, after careful examination of the matter, and in due consideration of the recommendations of the Revenue and Mining Departments in the larger public interest, hereby decided to de-reserve the areas mentioned in para-6 above as requested by the District Collector, Prakasam, so as to utilize these lands for the current public purposes, subject to ratification by the Government of India.

8. Accordingly, the following notification will be published in the Extra-Ordinary issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette Dt.10.05.2021.

NOTIFICATION

The Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby declares that from the areas reserved for exclusive exploitation of iron ore in the public sectors, notified vide GO.Ms.No. 428, Industries & Commerce (B.I) Department, dated.07.04.1972, the following areas are de-reserved in the larger public interest, so as to utilize these lands for the current public purposes, subject to ratification by the Government of India.

Name of the Mandal	Name of the Village	Sy.No	Extent (Ac--Cents)
Tangutur	Konijedu	769	391.00
	Marlapdu	388	398.88
		Total	**789.88**

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (MINES)

To
The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery & Stores Purchases (Printing Wing) Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada. (with a request to publish the above notification and arrange to send 50 copies of the same to the Government in Industries & Commerce (M.III) Department and 20 copies to the Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada).
The Director of Mines & Geology, Ibrahimpatnam, A.P.
The District Collector & Magistrate, Prakasam District at Ongole.

Copy to
The VC&MD, APMDC.Ltd., Kanuru, Vijayawada.
The OSD to Hon'ble Minister for Mines & Geology,
The PS to Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister,
The PS to Prl.Secretary (M&G),
The Revenue (Lands.I) Department.
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